Indo-Myanmar Pact

4415. SHRMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have so far been taken in pursuance of the Indo-Myanmar Pact for prevention of illicit trafficking in nacrotics, drugs, arms, ammunition and organized crimes, including insurgency; and

(b) the comparative figures of such incidents during 2003, 2004 and the current year so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. RAGUPATHY): (a) A Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India and the Government of Union of Myanmar was signed on the 25th October 2004 with the objective of enhancing mutual cooperation in dealing with issues relating to terrorism, illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, smuggling in arms & ammunition, organized crime, money laundering, international economic crime and cyber crime. Pursuant to this, the first meeting of the India-Myanmar Consultative Group on Non-Traditional Security Issues was held in New Delhi on February 10-11, 2005. At this meeting both sides agreed to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the field of non-traditional security issues, including counter-terrorism through exchange of information and intelligence, capacity building, mutual legal cooperation, etc. and joint efforts of curb illegal trafficking in drugs and psychotropic substances as well as small arms and light weapons.

(b) During 2003, 2004 and 2005 (upto 31st Mar' 05) heroin seized in North Eastern Region, most of which are suspected to be of Myanmar origin, are 41.04 Kgs, 35.14 Kgs and 8.35 Kgs respectively. Arms surrendered by insurgents in the North Eastern States during 2003, 2004 and 2005 (upto 15th April 2005) are 753, 302 and 73 respectively.

Blast on Hanji Wara bridge on the Indo-Pak Highway

4416. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: